IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend paragraphs [0013]-[0014] as follows:

[0013] Fig. 1 is a side elevational drawing, partly in section, of portions of a semi-automatic firearm, according to the <u>prior art present invention</u>, [0014] Fig. 2 is a top plan view of the firearm of Fig. 1, <u>modified</u> according to the present invention,

Please amend paragraph [0025] as follows:

[0025] Referring now to Fig. 1 of the drawing, the prior art invention is described as embodied in a semi-automatic firearm 10 of the type using a spring-loaded cartridge magazine (not shown) and having a reciprocating slide 12 adapted to move from a forward position in a rearward direction against a recoil spring (not shown) when a cartridge 14 is fired. During the rearward movement, the shell of cartridge 14 is ejected, and during the return forward movement, a new cartridge is stripped from the magazine by the extractor and inserted into the bore of a barrel 16 in a manner well known in the art. Slide 12 is reciprocable in tracks upon a frame 18. A hammer 20 is pivotably mounted on frame 18 to strike a firing pin 22, which is longitudinally slidable in the slide 12 so as to strike the rear of cartridge 14. A trigger 24 is pivotably mounted in the frame and connected to push or pull a transfer bar 26. Slide 12 includes a cam surface 28, which cooperates with a finger 30 to raise or lower the end of transfer bar 26 and release the hammer, when the transfer bar is pushed or pulled longitudinally by the trigger 24.